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This is in regard to your letter of 12 September 1985, addressed to Director Casey, regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request concerning Wilfred Burdett. Your letter was referred to us for direct response to you.

Your request is awaiting review of responsive CIA-originated documents which had to be referred to other U.S. government agencies because some of the information contained in these documents originated with those agencies. Rather than wait for those documents to be returned, I plan to send to you other documents which have been reviewed for releasability. You will be receiving this release in the next few weeks. You should understand, however, that your request will remain open until such time as the other agencies complete their review of the documents referred to them. At that time we will advise you as to whether the referred documents can be released in response to your request. ←

Thank you for providing us your new address.

Sincerely,

John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Mr: William Casey
Director CIA
Langley Va

September 12 85

Dear Mr Casey

Following the death of Wilfred Burchett in 1983, I filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the release of CIA documents on this man. I think information your agency may have collected on his relationship with various communist governments would be of great news interest and political educational value.

My request has been treated with contempt by your Freedom of Information department. I did establish that my formal request was properly filed. Since then I have telephoned over twenty times enquiring about the status of the request. Most times I have been fobbed off with a promise to look at the files and call me back, and there has never been any call back or explanation.

I suppose I should be suing you in the great American tradition of litigiousness. I'm told under the law you have to respond and you clearly have not as an Agency.

I appeal to you personally to intervene. It may be of interest for me to note that the Australian Government has now released a lot of Burchett material, as has his family.

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PS It would be a pleasure to meet you one day.
my good friend [redacted] told me he met you.

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